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1. THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED
BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 30. WE RECOMMEND
THAT DEPARTMENT APPROVE NOTING REPORT AND FORWARDING IT TO
MINISTERS. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOLLOWIN IN PARA 2.

2. TALKING POINTS:
-- THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED WITH THE SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS
OF CCMS DURING 1977. WE ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO NOTE THE
HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN THE DRINKING WATER PILOT STUDY AND
THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF PHASE I OF THE DISPOSAL OF
HAZARDOUS WASTES STUDY SO ABLY PILOTED BY THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

--THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPANTS FOUND THE ROUNDTABLE DIS-
CUSSION AT THE SPRING PLENARY ON THE "ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
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CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS" TO BE BOTH
USEFUL AND INTERESTING. WE WELCOME SUCH TOPICAL DISCUSSIONS
AT FUTURE PLENARIES.

-- WE WERE GRATIFIED ABOUT THE ENTHUSIASTIC WILLINGNESS AT
THE FALL PLENARY TO EXPLORE INNOVATIVE WAYS OF USING THE
COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY AND TO GIVE

ADDED IMPETUS TO ITS ACTIVITIES. IN PARTICULAR, WE WELCOME THE DECISION TO CONVENE A MEETING OF NATIONAL CCMS COORDINATORS EARLY IN 1978 TO CONSIDER FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW PILOT STUDIES. IN OUR VIEW, THIS APPROACH HOLDS GREAT PROMISE FOR DEVELOPING A COHERENT WORK PROGRAM OF INTEREST TO ALL THE ALLIES.

-- THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT SPELLS OUT CLEARLY THE IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF CCMS IN 1977. WE BELIEVE THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANT WORK OF CCMS AND SUGGEST THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THIS REPORT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 30 NAC MEETING.
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